

POLICY  
RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CHEMICAL HYGIENE POLICY

**Purpose**

It is the policy of this school to provide a facility that is free from chemical exposures likely to harm employees' and/ or students' health and that complies with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations affecting the safety and health of those in this School. This Chemical Hygiene Plan addresses this goal for the high school laboratory workplace to protect those students/faculty/staff who work with substances in which the containers used for reactions, transfers, and other handling of substances are designed to be easily and safely manipulated and stored by one person. It sets forth procedures, equipment, personal protective equipment, and work practices that are capable of protecting employees from the health hazards presented by hazardous **chemicals** that may be used as students learn about science in school. This policy includes the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards on occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories.

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The Chemical Hygiene Plan is a comprehensive document and directs students and staff at every stage of use: from first ordering a chemical or compound to using it safely and finally through its safe disposal. It is located in the Science Labs.

It is expected that those staff members who use these potentially hazardous materials will teach students proper safety and handling practices and will follow those safety precautions, themselves, as outlined in the Plan at all times.

**Emergency Telephone Numbers**

**FIRE** .....9-911  
**MEDICAL EMERGENCY** ..... 9-911  
**SECURITY EMERGENCY** .....9-911  
**POISON CENTER** ..... 1-800-222-1222

Appointed Officers 2020-2021

Chemical Safety Officer: Mr. Brandt Marceaux, Certified Science Instructor

School Safety Officer: Mr. Chris Suchmann, Buildings and Facilities Supervisor

School Nurse Teacher: Penelope Bailey, RN

### **Designated individuals with specific chemical hygiene responsibilities**

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| 1. Annual inspection of chemical containers: | Chemical Safety Officer            |
| 2. Updating the chemical inventory:          | Chemical Safety Officer            |
| 3. Providing spill response training:        | Chemical Safety Officer            |
| 4. Hazardous waste disposal:                 | School Safety Officer              |
| 5. Annual fume hood testing:                 | School Safety Officer              |
| 6. Testing eye washes weekly:                | School Nurse Teacher               |
| 7. Testing safety showers annually:          | School Nurse Teacher               |
| 8. Checking fire extinguishers:              | School Safety Officer/ Maintenance |
| 9. Maintaining chemical safety data sheets:  | Maintenance Department             |
| 10. Training new staff in the Hygiene Plan:  | Chemical Safety Officer            |
| 11. Approval of lab chemical procurement:    | Chemical Safety Officer            |
| 12. First Aid Training:                      | School Nurse Teacher               |

See Chemical Safety Handbook/ Policy